

## REMARKS

Reconsideration of the above-identified patent application in view of the amendments above and the remarks following is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-11 are in this case. Claims 1 and 11 have been rejected under § 112, second paragraph. Independent claims 1 and 11 have been amended.

The claims before the Examiner are directed toward a method of facilitating the handoff of a mobile unit from one base station of a wireless communication system to another base station of the system. The old base station sends directly to at least one candidate new base station information about the connection with the mobile unit. The information includes a rough TOD (time-of-day) and a device address of the mobile unit. The mobile unit does not participate in the sending of the information. In particular, the sending of the information is independent of the strength of the signals received by the old base station from the mobile unit. Each candidate base station receives the information, generates a list of frequencies at which the mobile unit is likely to transmit, and checks for a signal transmitted by the mobile unit.

### § 112, Second Paragraph Rejections


The Examiner has rejected claims 1 and 11 under § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

Specifically, the Examiner has pointed out that the bodies of claims 1 and 11 appear to refer to two different mobile units, a mobile unit connected to the base station and a specific mobile unit in the coverage area of the neighboring base station.

Claims 1 and 11 now have been amended to clarify that these two mobile units are one and the same specific mobile unit. Support for this amendment is found in the specification in Figures 9A and 9B and the accompanying text, in which a handoff of a single specific handset 121 from Base Station 123 to Base Station 124 is described.

In view of the above amendments and remarks it is respectfully submitted that independent claims 1 and 11, and hence dependent claims 2-10 are in condition for allowance. Prompt notice of allowance is respectfully and earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,



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